Mr. C. Matthai.—Inquiries made with the Pudukkotta Government show that there is no such school there for the children of the depressed classes. There is, however, one such opened as an experimental measure for Koravars, who have been declared a criminal tribe under the Criminal Tribes Regulation of the State. The publication of the correspondence in the circumstances is not deemed necessary.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is the publication of the correspondence confidential, or is it against public interest?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Without the permission of the Pudukkotta Government, it is not advisable for the Government to publish it.

The opening new schools for the depressed classes.

250. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state that, following the assurance given by the Government, while discussing the resolution for introducing free compulsory Primary Education among the so-called depressed classes in the State, that the Government would open new schools and adopt other methods for encouraging the education of the children of the so-called depressed classes, how many new Government schools have been started for them since then, and what other methods have been adopted, and whether the amount spent annually for their education has been increased, and, if so, to state the amount increased?

Mr. C. Matthai.—No new Government schools have been opened, but various methods have been adopted to attract more pupils of the depressed classes to the schools. Pulayas alone used to be supplied with books, slates, clothes, etc., but these gifts are extended to all pupils belonging to the depressed classes attending both day and night schools. The rule fixing minimum strength for purposes of grant is relaxed in the case of classes which contain pupils of depressed classes. Panchayats were addressed through the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats to co-operate with the department, and vigorous efforts were made to bring in pupils of the depressed classes, with the result that the number of such pupils attending school increased from 1,489 in 1100 to 4,033 in 1101.

In addition to the various concessions already enjoyed by pupils of the depressed classes, the Government have lately sanctioned the award of a stipend of Rs. 3 to each pupil attending High School Forms.

The amount of stipend towards their education in 1101 was Rs. 5,473. For the current year a sum of Rs. 7,600 has been provided in the budget.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The number of such pupils attending school increased from 1,489 in 1100 to 4,033 in 1101. Are the figures taken for a particular month in each year or is it the average?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The figures are taken from *the Administration Report*.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How is it taken from *the Administration Report*?

Mr. C. Matthai.—At the end of the Malabar year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—"Vigorous efforts were made to bring in pupils". May I know what they are?

Mr. C. Matthai.—They are stated in the answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have you to say anything more than that?

Mr. C. Matthai.—To describe all of them would take a long time.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether Muhammadan girls are given a stipend of Rs. 2 per month? Cannot this be extended to the depressed classes also?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It is a question of funds, that is all. Any how, it is desirable. We give Rs. 2 to the girls in the Anglo-Vernacular schools of Tattamangalam. We cannot do it for the depressed classes also.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why not?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It is a question of funds.

President.—You do something for them now.

Mr. C. Matthai.—We give them books, slates, pencils, cloths, Friday meal, free education, etc.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question is whether the encouragement given to the Muhammadan girls cannot be extended to the depressed classes also.

Mr. C. Matthai.—It can be done, provided the Government gives the desirable funds.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government consider that question?

President.—Why can't you move a resolution for that purpose?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It will be postponed from day to day, and we will not have the chance to ask whether the Government will consider it or not.

Mr. C. Matthai.—We can consider the question, of course.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How long will you consider?

Mr. C. Matthai.—We shall consider the question. Whether we will be able to carry out the proposal of the Hon'ble Member is quite another question.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew,—Many questions are under consideration, and they do not come up for decision, so that, that is a convenient expression to get out of the difficulty.

Mr. C. Matthai.—I mean what I say, when I say I shall consider.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The last portion of my question is not answered. The question is whether the amount spent on education has been increased.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The two amounts are given there.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Am I to understand that this is the only sum spent for the education of the depressed classes? For the education of the depressed classes, only a sum of Rs. 7,600 has been spent.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Member should understand the wording of the answer. It is the amount spent on stipends.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question does not refer to stipends. The answer is not to the question.

Mr. C. Matthai.—We spend it on so many different items, for example, rent of buildings, free education, clothing, etc., and all these cause the Government expenditure. If you take all that, you will get the total amount.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Cannot the definite amount be placed before the House?

Mr. C. Matthai.—No definite amount can be given, because we give free education to all the pupils of the depressed classes, i. e., we exempt them from fees.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In this case, from the salary given to teachers, we can calculate the amount spent.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The teacher is paid for teaching not merely the depressed classes pupils but also others.

President.—When we give free education, we may calculate the fee, on the assumption that the fee is not realised from them.

Mr. C. Matthai.—For instance, we have a class of 30 pupils in which 10 belong to the depressed classes. We do not get any fee from them, whereas the other pupils are liable to pay fees.

Then, there is the question of buildings. We give grant for buildings, and, to certain pupils of the depressed classes, we give concessions. We give full grant only, if there are 30 pupils. But, in the case of depressed classes, we do not insist on the strength.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Now, just to see whether a substantial amount is spent for the purpose, I asked this question. Suppose

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we spend a good sum of money, and the result is found to be unsatisfactory, then we may spend only a small amount.

Mr. C. Matthai.—I have made it clear that Rs. 7,600 is not the only amount that we spend.

President.—He wants the approximate amount.

Mr. C. Matthai.—It will come to between 25 and 30 thousand rupees approximately. The difficulty is that we give building grant in that particular school where 1/3 of the pupils belong to the depressed classes. Then, again, we give full grant, if there are 10 pupils of the depressed classes, and we don't generally insist on the minimum.

The recognition of private schools.

251. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform,—

(a) the number of private schools applied to recognition in the last three years but not recognised ;

(b) the number of schools recognised in the period referred to but not yet given grant, in spite of the request put in for grant ; the reason for not giving grant and the number of pupils in each school and in each class ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—

(a) Three.

(b) Four schools, viz.,

(1) The Holy Child's English School, Chiralayam.

Strength	Class III	30
	Class II.	30
	Class I	39
	Total	99

(2) The M. J. D. English School, Kunnamkulam.

Strength	Class IV	36
	Class III	40
	Class II	46
	Class I	63
	Total	185

(3) The St. Mary's Jubilee Memorial School, Irinjalakkuda.

Strength	Class IV	20
	Class III	30
	Class II	39
	Class I	64
	Total	153

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